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In re Application of:

Hari Babu Sunkara et al.

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FOR: POLY(TRIMETHYLENE-
ETHYLENE ETHER) GLYCOL LUBE
OILS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter the amendments below prior to examining the above-identified application on its merits. Please note, a Third Information Disclosure Submission Statement and PTO/SB/08A Form accompany this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a listing of claims that begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Remarks

Claims 2, 20, 24, 26, 29, 34 and 36-39 have been amended, claims 31-33 and 35 have been canceled, and claims 40-44 have been added so that claims 1-30, 34 and 36-44 are pending.

Claims 2, 20, 24, 26, 29, 34, and 36-39 have been amended to correct typographical and/or grammatical errors and not for reasons related to patentability.

As Applicants recognize that Claims 31 and 32 were improperly set forth as use claims, claims 31-33 and 35 have been canceled and recast as claims 40-44. Applicants apologize for any inconvenience that this error may have caused the Examiner. Support for this amendment can be found in the claims as originally filed and at page 14, lines 13-16.

No new matter is added.

Summary

If the Examiner has questions regarding the application or the contents of this Preliminary Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

Should there be a fee due which is unaccounted for, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company).

Respectfully Submitted,

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